

16 November 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Management and Services  
SUBJECT : DD/M&S Control of M&S Positions and Personnel  
REFERENCE : Memorandum from Management and Services  
Advisory Group, dated 15 October 1973,  
subject as above

As requested, comments on the referent recommendation are submitted.

a. As the head of a career service and as an operating official, we are in general agreement with the recommendation of the Management and Services Advisory Group and for the same reasons outlined by that group.

b. From time to time over the last decade, in response to problems evolving from not having position control over medical field positions, we have made essentially similar proposals to correct a basically unsatisfactory arrangement. This situation in our judgment still requires correction. We must however question any action at this time that would increase the visible size of the Management and Services personnel structure and its relative share of the Agency budget.

c. If any action is to be taken at this time, we therefore recommend that it be in the nature of more satisfactory arrangement for the control of M&S-type positions outside of the M&S directorate, rather than transfer of these positions and budgeting responsibilities to the directorate.

  
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